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REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2009, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 23, 2010. No extension of time is required.

Claims

Claims 1-45 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-30, 32-33, 38, and 42-45 are allowed. Claims 31, 34-37, 39, and 40-41 are rejected over prior art. Claims 31, 33, 39, and 40 are amended, and Claim 32 is canceled. Claims 34-35, 37, and 43-45 remain as filed, and Claims 1-30, 36, 38, and 41-42 remain as previously presented. Reconsideration is requested.

Interview Summary:

A telephone interview was held between Examiner Pitaro and Applicant's Attorney, Larry E. Henneman, Jr., on December 18, 2009.

Mr. Henneman and Examiner Pitaro discussed Claims 31, 39, and 40 and came to agreement as to amendments to those claims that would put them in condition for allowance. Regarding Claim 31, Mr. Henneman indicated that Applicant would amend Claim 31 to include the limitations of Claim 32, which was indicated to include allowable subject matter. Examiner Pitaro indicated that such an amendment would put Claim 31 in condition for allowance. Regarding Claim 39, Mr. Henneman suggested amending Claim 39 to include the limitations "means for receiving position data via said absolute input device" and that the "means for automatically remapping the absolute input device from one of the displays to another one of the displays" is "responsive to said position data." Examiner Pitaro agreed that such an amendment would put Claim 39 in condition for allowance. Similarly, Mr. Henneman and Examiner Pitaro agreed that amending Claim 40 to recite the step of "receiving position data from a user via said absolute input device" and that the step of "automatically remapping the absolute input device to a second display" is "responsive to said position data" would put Claim 40 in condition for allowance.

Applicant and Mr. Henneman thank Examiner Pitaro for the helpful and constructive nature of the interview.

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 31, 37, and 39-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,124,374 (Haken) in view of "Wacom Europe" forums ("Wacom").

Claims 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Haken and Wacom in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,990,893 (Numazaki).

Claims 31-37:

Claim 32 is indicated to include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 31 is amended herein as agreed to in the interview to include the limitations of Claim 32, and Claim 32 is canceled. Claim 33 is also amended to depend from Claim 31, rather than Claim 32. For the above reasons, Claim 31 is in condition for allowance. Claims 33-37 depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 31 and are in condition for allowance for the same reasons as Claim 31.

Claim 39:

Claim 39 is amended as agreed to in the Interview held on December 18, 2009. Therefore, Claim 39 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 40-41:

Claim 40 is amended as agreed to in the Interview held on December 18, 2009. Therefore, Claim 40 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 41 depends from Claim 40 and is also in condition for allowance for the same reasons as Claim 40.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Allowed Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-30, 38, and 42-45 are allowed.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that Claims 1-31 and 33-45 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner undertake any action other than allowance of Claims 1-31 and 33-45, or if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at (269) 279-8820.

Respectfully submitted,

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